

WONDERFUL ALASKA.

An Interesting Letter From a Former Carsonite.

On the Yukon, Dec. 28th.
To the Editor of the Appeal:
I am wondering how the people of Nevada would like to hear something of the wonderful growth and some of the peculiarities of Alaska.

Alaska is a great empire, of the enormous size of which few people have any just conception. Its more than 550 times as large as the State of Rhode Island and nearly equals in area all the States of the Union east of the Mississippi River. It has the grandest scenery in the world, and resources sufficient comfortably to support ten millions of people.

Through the heart of the vast territory flows the mighty Yukon River, the largest in North America, larger and longer than the Mississippi. On this great river one may ride for more than 2,000 miles with as much comfort as upon the Hudson.

The valley of the Yukon has been pronounced richer than the valley of the Missouri, and it will undoubtedly some day support an immense population.

People in Pennsylvania are very much interested in coal, and know what a source of wealth is. I believe that there is more coal in Alaska than in Pennsylvania.

Coal is but one of Alaska's many mineral resources. The enormous deposits of copper in the Copper River region are now attracting great attention. It has even been predicted by Capt. Healy, who was a resident of Montana for twenty-four years and Alaska seventeen years, that Alaska will in the next thirty years produce more mineral wealth than the whole United States has produced in the thirty years just ended.

The Russians made enormous fortunes in furs, and millions more have been made by Americans since the purchase by the United States. Alaska has the richest fisheries of the world. Competent authorities declare its fisheries greater than those of Newfoundland and the North Sea combined.

There are vast forests of timber in Alaska which remain practically untouched.

Alaska is certain to become a great agricultural country. It will some day produce more grain and of a better quality than any State in the Union. It has been within my lifetime that the cultivation of wheat was begun in Manitoba, Dakota and Minnesota, and, as a rule the further north the better the quality of the grain grown.

The fact that thousands upon thousands of acres of the finest grasses cover the river valleys from four to six feet high, is evidence of the great opportunities for stock-raising. Cattle can be wintered in southern Alaska with far less difficulty and expense than in Montana and in many places cattle will look out for themselves and keep fat all winter. I believe that Alaska is certain to become one of the greatest stock-raising regions of the world.

The United States Government has, for several years past, had experts at work carefully investigating its resources and possibilities, and after these years of pains taking investigation, makes public its estimate that there are at least 100,000 square miles of territory in Alaska admirably adapted to agriculture. Prof. C. C. Georgeson of the United States Department of Agriculture says:

"There could never be a greater misconception in regard to a geographical fact than the popular idea that Alaska is snowcovered waste. As a matter of fact, one can travel from one end of the Yukon to the other in summer and never see snow. On the contrary, one will see a tangle of luxuriant vegetation, large forests and such delicacies as wild raspberries, red currants, huckleberries and cranberries in profusion. In places the grass grows as high as a man's shoulders."

The finest vegetables I have ever eaten were grown on the Yukon and served on the river steamers. Prof. Masoun, of the Canadian Government Botanical Department, explains the fact by saying that "the vegetables are finer than grown elsewhere in the world, because the twenty-four hours of sun in summer rushes the growth so that they have no time to harden or grow tough, and are sweet and delicious and almost melt in the mouth."

The greatest mystery to most people is the climate of Alaska. Cherishing a vague idea of a barren waste of snow and ice, it comes as a rude shock to learn that it is very much like Pennsylvania, New York and New England in summer; and in winter, while cold at the north, peculiarly mild in the south, so mild that from Sitka, a thousand miles west, the mean winter temperature, is very

much like that of the city of Washington. Of course in a region of such vast extent as Alaska, stretching as it does further east and west than from New York to San Francisco and further north and south than from the Gulf to the Great Lakes, there is naturally a great diversity of climate. The peculiar modifying influence along the whole southern coast for 2,000 miles, is the Japanese current, which tempers this region as it does California, Washington and British Columbia.

Over vast areas of the interior the summer is warm and delightful, and vegetation grows with an almost semitropical luxuriance. There are millions of birds. The winter in the interior is cold, clear and exhilarating, much the same as in Dakota and Manitoba.

What now is most urgently needed is railroads in all parts of Alaska. They are indispensable, and would prove immensely profitable enterprises. It is strange that capital should be timid about constructing these lines, considering that every mile that has thus far been built has more than paid for itself within a year.

Alaska is the only country on earth which would reconcile me removing away from Nevada.

Nevadan

Musical Program at M. E. Church.

The following program will be rendered at the Methodist Church tomorrow evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock:

Congregational Song Service.
Invocation
Duet—Mrs. Noteware and Mr. Meskimmons.
Anthem—Choir
Scripture Lesson
Song
Solo—Mr. G. Ray
Duet—Mrs. Slingerland and Mrs. Noteware.
Solo—Mr. Meskimmons
Sermon
Ladies Quartette
Solo—Mrs. Slingerland

Novel and Entertaining

What the Kings' Daughters undertake in the line of amusements is sure to be novel and entertaining and their sale and social on February 17th gives promise of fore-shadowing all their former efforts in this line.

Wood at Reasonable Rates.

Wood, in any length, can be obtained at Petersen & Springmeyer's hay and wood yard, south Carson-St.

Carlin has two cases of small pox.

Goldfield is to have a sampling works of 200 ton a day capacity

Jesse Moore whiskey, Sautsones, Asti Tempo Chianti, and full line of fancy wines and liquors for the holidays at Meyers Merc. Co.

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Mining and Politics

The mining discoveries throughout Nevada are bringing in a class of sturdy men to add to our rapid increasing population.

It is worth observing that three-fourths of these people are democrats.

After the Roosevelt wave had swept Nevada the Republicans were elected with the idea that they had the state in their grip for the coming fall. Now they witness the incoming tide of Democrats with no special feeling of hope. This influx of honest miners will be in line for the right ticket next November and the state is safe by at least a thousand majority or fifteen hundred majority.

At the Churches.

Presbyterian—Services at 11 a. m. Sunday school at noon. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Son Taking a Servant's Form." Evening, "Moses Failing to Cross the Jordan." It is right to live right, it is right to think some about living. Come to church tomorrow and do some thinking.

St. Peter's—Holy communion 8 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m. Subject, "The Second Commandment." Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Christian Burial." Methodist—11 a. m. Lessons from Lazarus, 7:30 p. m. Going to Sea in a Ship.

Purchasing Livestock

H. G. Humphrey and J. E. Humphrey of Reno are guests at the Briggs House. They are purchasing livestock for the Sparks-Humphrey company.

The Sparks-Humphrey company of which the Governor is president, was formed to supply the construction forces of the Western Pacific with meat.

Already four large slaughter houses have been established. The company's contract will amount to more than a million dollars.

Will Give a Dance

A grand ball and supper will be given at Union Hall in Empire on next Friday the 2nd inst. The boys are making preparations for the entertainment of a big crowd and a good time is assured to all who attend. Tickets, including supper will be \$1.50 ladies free.

Tonopah Ore Shipped

The first shipment of Tonopah ore for the Butters plant is expected to arrive this evening and two cars daily will be received thereafter. If the present run is successful the Butters company will build a stamp mill of about 200 tons capacity.—Enterprise.

Departed for the East

Governor Sparks, and Controller Davis, were departures for Chicago last evening where they go to attend the National Insurance Convention.

Wood at Peterson & Springmeyer's hay and wood yard at reasonable prices. Phone 133.

NOTED ATTRACTIONS

Billed at the Local Play House for Next Week.

ALBERTA GALLATIN.

Alberta Gallatin, is one of the most ambitious actresses on the American stage. Naturally endowed with all the attributes of a successful actress, beauty, grace, wit and a wonderful great heart, she has graced them with years of classic association and careful study until there is not the slightest doubt in the minds of the most eminent critics of the country that in the very near future she will rank among the very small half dozen of the truly great women of the stage. If hard work can accomplish that end, then it will surely be reached, for Miss Gallatin has never had a part that she has not thrown herself into it so completely that she lived it instead of acted it. And in fact her wonderful realistic portrayals are by-words with press, critics and public the country over. The piece in which she is appearing this season "Cousin Kate," the great Hudson Theatre, New York, opening success, is being especially watched as one of the final vehicles to carry her into the great white light of national fame.

ALCAZAR BEAUTIES

Pretty girls, catchy music, bright comedy, beautiful costumed and scenic effects will hold sway at the Opera House next week when "The Alcazar Beauties" company under the personal direction of T. W. Dinkins, will be the attraction at the Opera House Jan. 31st.

"The Romance of Suit Case," and "A Smoked Herring," will be the two musical farces presented while the olio will comprise the following capable artists: the Seyons, Jas. B. Carson, Margaret Newton, the Misses Sawtenn and Sears, Mathews and Riley, the three marvelous Kelley Brothers and Chas. B. Ward, better known as "The Original Bowery Boy."

"YON YONSON."

What Billy Scanlon was to "Myles Arcon," J. K. Emmett to "Fitz Earl K. Mitchell" is said to be to "Yon Yonson," which comes to the Opera House on February 1st.

Billy Scanlon was a typical Irishman; Joe Emmett a characteristic German and Earl K. Mitchell has been pronounced everywhere the most perfect type of the Swede ever presented upon the stage. Mr. Mitchell is a new comer before the American theatrical public. For years he has been studying in Sweden where he was valued member of the Royal Stock Company. He is a singer and dancer of more than ordinary excellence and is a finished actor. This is the fifteenth year of "Yon Yonson" and it should be the most successful, for with the scenic equipment and the excellent company, it outshines, this season, any previous presentation.

JOE WHEELER.

The passing of the Gen. Joe Wheeler adds one of the bravest kindliest of souls to the death roll.

His memory will be cherished by friend and foe alike.

His was the intrepid commander who when ordered by Gen. Shafter, of hammock fame, to retreat in the Spanish war, replied that no body of troops under his command would ever execute a retreat on the eve of the Fourth of July. This sentiment should be inscribed on his tombstone.

Dentistry

Dr. Frank McClasky will have charge of Dr. W. H. Cavell's office during the absence of the latter.

J. H. Campbell, of San Francisco is at the Park Hotel.

Fifteen feet of snow is reported at Marietta Lake.

John B. Dangberg, was a visitor from the valley yesterday.

W. R. Davis, was a departure for Reno last evening on official business.

Miss Pearl Cowing, manager of the local telephone company is on the sick list.

The automobile, companies of Tonopah have fixed the rate between Tonopah and Manhattan at \$20.

An effort is being made to run a special from this city to attend the Eagles dance in Virginia City.

The Peerless group of mines at Bullfrog were sold for \$100,000 cash last week, to Eastern capitalists.

Geo. Cowing and party of friends departed for Washoe Lake last evening in the former's auto, on a hunting trip.

John O'Connor son of Tim O'Connor of this city, is located at Epris New Mexico where he is the manager of a large mercantile establishment.

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